

Richmond Rural Preservation Land Trust  
Dec. 6, 2010  
5:30 p.m.  
Town Hall

### AGENDA

Call to Order at 5:34pm

#### Roll Call

Denise Poyer, Chuck More, Andy Webb, Roberta Engel, Pete August, Sandy Poirier  
Others: Denise Stetson

#### Approval of Minutes

**MOTION:** C. More, 2<sup>nd</sup> S. Poirier to approve Nov 15, 2010 minutes.

*All Ayes*

minutes were approved with slight amendments

#### Communications

- A donation to the RRPLT was received
- A memo from the Town Clerk regarding the upcoming Open Government Summit to be held on Jan. 13<sup>th</sup> 2011 for Public Officials
- Land & People Fall/Winter 2010 issue from the Trust for Public Lands

#### Approval of Invoice(s) for Payment

1. The survey of the Kenyon property was completed by Jackson Surveying for \$8900.

**MOTION:** A. Webb, 2<sup>nd</sup> P. August to approve payment to Jackson Surveying.

*All Ayes*

#### Public Forum

Rick Anderson

Acceptance of Rick Anderson's application to join the RRPLT is on the Dec. 7, 2010 Town Council meeting agenda.

#### Old Business

1. Member reports
  - Chuck: Andy and Chuck took the deerstand down at the Bradner Property. Chuck completed posting signs. He reports no sign of vandalism.
  - Denise Poyer: Chuck posted "No Trespassing" signs and RRPLT orange signs at the Scudder Property. Heidi Quinn contacted Denise Poyer and asked the RRPLT to remove signs posted along her driveway. RRPLT will comply.
  - Denise Stetson: Chappy Pierce contacted Denise S. with concerns that he heard gunfire on the Scudder Property. Heidi and Neil Quinn and Dick Kenyon have lifetime hunting privileges on the property.
  - Roberta: A work party to remove invasives was held at the Crawley Preserve on Nov. 21, 2010. Chuck removed dead trees near the parking lot and Randall Arendt

- helped to cut back briars (*Smilax rotundifolia*), bittersweet (*Celastrus orbiculatus*), and barberry (*Berberis thunbergii*).
2. RRPLT apparel for stewards and 'Friends' tabled until January meeting.
  3. Conservation Easement, DEM did approve the changes we made. Denise will send the easement along with the legal description of the property to DEM. She is awaiting the survey report and the legal description of the property from Jackson Surveying.

#### New Business

1. The Management Plan for the Kenyon property was approved. The plan was modeled after one used by Tiverton.
2. The preliminary survey results by Jackson Surveying show that two neighbors Wilcox and Rathbun have encroached onto Kenyon Property. Lisa Primiano, Dick Kenyon, and Archie Kenyon were notified. Primiano said Wilcox and Rathbun need to be put on notice regarding the encroachments. Dick talked to them and both admit they are wrong. They agreed to fix the problem. Rocks will be placed across the trail and they will abandon use. Firewood pile will be removed. Archie Kenyon will draw up document for encroachers to sign; Wilcox and Rathbun will acknowledge they have been notified of the encroachment and that they will have 90 days to remediate the encroachment. Jackson Surveying will place another pin on the corner. This will cost a few hundred dollars. Goff, the property owner to the north, is concerned about the possible proximity of trails to be built by RRPLT to his property. He asked to buy the piece of property behind his house but this is not an option.
3. The Kenyon property's official name will be "The Kenyon Family of Usquepaug Preserve".

**MOTION:** C. More, 2<sup>nd</sup> A. Webb to approve the name of the new RRPLT preserve.

*All Ayes*

4. Denise and Archie will craft a document awarding Charles (Dickie) Kenyon lifetime privileges to hunt on the Kenyon property.
5. RRPLT meeting calendar for 2011 will be posted online at the Secretary of State's webpage. We will meet the first Monday of the month. The January meeting will be on Jan. 10, 2011.
6. Other
  - Sandy Poirier submitted her resignation, effective today (12/6/10), to the RRPLT board.
  - Lisa Primiano (DEM) said there may be a problem cutting a check in time for the closing date (because many state employees are on vacation at the end of year). If full payment is not made at the closing, a partial payment and a promissory note will be delivered.
  - No additional meetings are necessary for Dec. 2010.
  - No one has heard from L. Steere. Steere told Pete her work will be done mid-January.

- Dan Rakowsky will be contacted about the Crawley Preserve Steward position and Heidi Quinn will be contacted about the Steward position at the Scudder Preserve.

Executive Session

**Executive session pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws Section as amended 1956, Chapter 42-46-5(a)(5) to discuss acquisition of property for public purposes.**

Agenda

1. Review items for upcoming agenda
2. RRPLT elections
3. RRPLT apparel for stewards and 'Friends'
4. An update on the Kenyon property purchase
5. Other

**MOTION: D. Poyer, 2<sup>nd</sup> C. More to adjourn until next scheduled meeting.**

*All Ayes*

Adjourn

7:00 pm

Approved and accepted on \_\_\_\_\_ Attest: \_\_\_\_\_